

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-273-T - ORDER NO. 2006-183
APRIL 5, 2006

IN RE: Application of Allegiance Moving Company,) ORDER GRANTING
Incorporated, 2910 Garden Creek Road,) WAIVER AND
Charleston, SC 29414 (District 6) to Amend) ADDITIONAL
Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of) AUTHORITY
Public Convenience and Necessity.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Allegiance Moving Company, Inc. (Allegiance or the Company) to expand its authority to include Lexington County. The Company makes this request, because, among other counties, it already has contiguous Richland County in its scope of authority. Allegiance notes that there is much confusion when the Company tries to delineate the line between Richland and Lexington Counties. The Company states that it does not want to be found in violation of its authority because it cannot properly determine the location of the Richland-Lexington County line.

Allegiance states that its business has grown tremendously in the Columbia area, and that, because of its restriction to Richland County, there are also many customers to whom it cannot provide moving services. The Company states a belief that adding Lexington County to its scope of authority would allow it to serve the greater Columbia area, reach more of its existing customer base, and create less confusion when trying to book moving business.

The Company also requests a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements for this Application. Allegiance points out that no additional burden is placed on existing moving companies by adding only one county to its scope of authority. The Company asserts that it has all current filings on file, and maintains its insurance coverage. Allegiance also cites the expenses of hiring a lawyer, making required filings, traveling from Company headquarters, and having a hearing. According to the Company, considerable expense could be saved by a grant of the requested waiver.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) opposes the request for waiver of notice, and asks that the request to waive the hearing and expand the Company's authority be held in abeyance until the notice deadline has expired, and that notice as required by 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-132 (Supp. 2005) be provided.

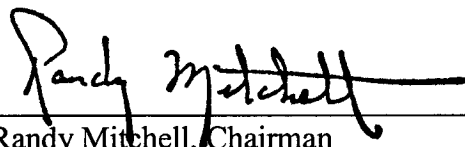
26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-101 (2) (Supp. 2005) states that the Commission's rules and regulations are subject to such exceptions as may be considered just and reasonable as ordered by the Commission in individual cases when strict compliance with any rule or rules produces unusual difficulty and is not in the public interest. We believe that the present matter before the Commission constitutes such an exception to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-132 (Supp. 2005). We believe that incurring the cited legal, travel and filing expenses (including having a Notice of Filing published in the newspaper) is a very high cost in proportion to the relief sought in this case, which is the acquisition of one additional, contiguous county in Allegiance's scope of authority. In our mind, it is too high a cost for the relief sought, and therefore constitutes unusual difficulty in attempting to comply with the notice rule. Further, asking the company to incur the extra

expense to obtain additional authority in one county is not in the public interest. Accordingly, we grant a waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-132 (Supp. 2005), and we grant a waiver of the hearing requirement on the same grounds.

Further, we believe that Allegiance has already demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able in prior Applications. In addition, it is clear that the public convenience and necessity require that we grant the additional authority sought, since, apparently, the public convenience and necessity are not being entirely served in Lexington County. Allegiance's business has obviously grown in the Midlands area. Further, less confusion for the Company and the customers will exist if Allegiance has authority in both Richland and Lexington Counties. Accordingly, we grant the Company's Application to add Lexington County to its scope of authority. The Company shall continue to comply with all Commission rules and regulations.

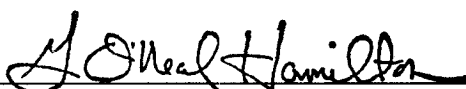
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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